

TOWN OF HERNDON

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AT HOME IN HERNDON

A summary of Town policies and activities.

MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR

Spring is finally here. It's time to get outside and enjoy our outstanding array of recreational amenities. The Town has a long tradition of supporting recreation to enhance the quality of life for residents. There's a park within walking distance to every neighborhood in Town. The Herndon Community Center, a two-time winner of the National Parks and Recreation Association's Gold Medal Award, offers a fully equipped fitness room, 25-yard indoor pool and spa, gymnasium, and racquetball courts. And if golf is your game – or you are looking to make it your game – the Herndon Centennial Golf Course challenges the experienced golfer, but is not so difficult that it intimidates the beginner. This edition of "At Home in Herndon" provides updates on important improvements to our recreation facilities.

Spring is also the time when we think about home improvement projects. We've provided resources on building permits and preventative home maintenance in the "Neighborhoods" section on the other side of this flyer. Also, when you are out there sprucing up the garden this spring, consider entering the Yard of the Month competition. More information on Yard of the Month can be found in the "Neighborhoods" section.

You can contact me and members of Town Council by calling the Town Clerk's office at 703-435-6804 or by visiting the Town's website at www.herndon-va.gov and clicking on "Town Council."

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RECREATION

Herndon Centennial Golf Course Improvements

A 10-year master plan was developed by the renowned golf architectural design firm of Ault, Clark & Associates last year to implement improvements to existing course aesthetics and playability that will help Herndon Centennial remain a leader in Northern Virginia's daily fee golf market. Phase 1 master plan improvements began in March 2005 and include reconstruction of the areas surrounding the greens on all holes and the installation of drain lines and inlets to alleviate drainage problems. Rated three stars by "Golf Digest," Herndon Centennial offers 18 holes, a driving range and practice facility. There is also a full service pro shop, club rental, PGA golf instruction and a snack bar. There are reduced fees for Herndon residents. Golfers of every age can enjoy special programs, including junior golf camps, the Herndon Golfer's Club for adults, the Herndon Ladies Golf Association, and the Senior Duffers. For more information about these programs and reservations, call the clubhouse at 703-471-5769.

Community Center Expansion

The Herndon Community Center opened in 1979. Since then, the facility has grown to serve more than 15,000 participants in 1,600 instructional programs annually, as well as 75,000 customers who purchase daily, multiple-use and annual passes. Construction is slated to begin this June on an 11,565 square-foot addition to the Herndon Community Center that will enhance the quality of existing operations and accommodate future growth. The expansion provides for improved access, parking, security, and program space to include the multipurpose rooms, game room, fitness room, class space, lounge, teen areas, and administrative offices. For more information about programs and activities, call 703-435-6868 or register online at www.herndon-va.gov.

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Runnymede Park Nature Center

Runnymede Park is the Town's 58-acre natural park that features walking trails along Sugarland Run, more than 100 species of wildlife, and a variety of nature programs for the entire family. A resource management plan approved in 2001 outlines plans for several improvements to the park including a small outdoor amphitheater, picnic shelters, and a nature center. Design of the nature center will resume this spring. The Town has received grants to fund a portion of the nature center construction, which is anticipated to begin in late 2006. For more information about nature activities at Runnymede Park (including birthday parties), call the Town's Naturalist at 703-435-6868 or register online at www.herndon-va.gov.

NEIGHBORHOODS

Making Home Improvements? Contact the Building Inspections Office

Be sure to discuss plans to make home improvements with the Town's Building Inspections office before beginning construction to determine whether a permit is needed. Permits are usually required for a new building, additions (bedrooms, bathrooms, basements, etc.), residential projects such as decks, garages, and pools, and electrical and plumbing systems. Even if a permit is not required, the building inspections staff can provide valuable advice and guidance on projects. Safe construction practices help protect you, your family, and your investment. For more information, you can visit the Public Works customer service desk on the second floor of the Herndon Municipal Center, 777 Lynn Street, or call 703-435-6850. Building permit applications can also be downloaded from the Town's website www.herndon-va.gov (click on "Town Services" and then "Public Works").

Home Maintenance Workshops

Take advantage of free Home Maintenance Workshops at the Neighborhood Resource Center. The workshops are held three times each year and provide a one-day overview of effective preventative maintenance techniques to help homeowners avoid component failures and the costly repairs that follow. A variety of topics are covered including, appliances, HVAC (heating and cooling), kitchens, bathrooms, electrical, plumbing, doors and windows, walls and floors, siding, and roofing. Upcoming workshops will be held on Saturday, June 18 at 10:00 am and Saturday, October 15 at 10:00 am. For more information, call the Housing Rehabilitation Specialist at 703-435-3182.

Recycling in Herndon – Drop-off Center and Curbside

In addition to once weekly curbside recycling pickup, the Town operates a drop-off recycling center at 1479 Sterling Road behind the Herndon Police Station. The self-service center has separate containers for glass, plastic and aluminum/metal containers, telephone books, and cardboard and newspaper products. Mixed paper products can also be deposited at the center, including magazines, glossy papers, office paper, catalogs, envelopes, junk mail, and cereal boxes. Recycling not only helps the environment, but also helps reduce the overall amount of trash the Town picks up, resulting in lower disposal charges to the Town. The drop-off center is open 6:00 am to 9:00 pm, seven days a week.

Recyclables are picked up at your curb every Wednesday. Glass bottles, metal food and beverage containers and plastic bottles can be placed in the blue recycling bins provided by the Town. Make sure you don't mix other trash with recyclables. For more information on recycling in Herndon, call the Department of Public Works at 703-435-6853.

Yard of the Month

The Herndon Yard of the Month competition is back. Nominations are now being accepted for this popular awards program sponsored by the Town's Cultivating Community Initiative. New this year is the Townhouse Category. Each month both a single family home and a townhouse will be selected for Yard of the Month. Residents can nominate their own yard or a neighbor's yard, but the yard must be within the Town of Herndon. Only front yards will be judged. Winners will receive a \$100 gift certificate from Meadows Farms and recognition in the media and by Town Council. **Nominations are due on the following dates: April 15 (May winners), May 15 (June winners), June 15 (July winners), and September 15 (October winners).** Nomination forms can be obtained on the Town's website www.herndon-va.gov under "What's New" and by calling the Public Information Office at 703-435-6800 ext. 2010.